

JSTS General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: November 9, 2015

Location: Romeos Pizza, Marlboro NJ

Executive Board in Attendance:

Bob Spony- President

David Lee- Vice President

Abe Chasnoff- Treasurer

Michael Cronan- Secretary

There were 22 JSTS club members in attendance.

President Bob Spony called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

The Board of Directors introduced themselves and in turn the membership introduced themselves.

The Secretary read the Treasurer's report into the minutes from the Oct 12th meeting. Motion was made by Pete B and seconded by Joe H. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Abe Chasnoff then presented the current Treasurer's report.

The budget is available for review by any club member by contacting the Treasurer.

We started the month with \$8,980.11. The balance on 11/9 was 9,767.84. There was \$474 dues collected, 1200 in clothing and .38 cents interest we paid out 83.38 for the Harvest ride, Other debits are reflected in the Treasure's report. A motion was made by Al McCormick to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, and seconded by Bill Weisler. All voted in favor.

Membership Report- Joe Hewes

The membership for 2016 is now open. To date we have:

5 families

30 Individuals

4 bike shops

28 renewals and 7 new memberships have thus far been reported

Don Levy asked if we had coordinated the bike shop memberships with the web site. Not yet, per Joe Hewes.

Committee Reports

Election Committee – Don Levy

Don presented the slate of nominees for the 2016 Board of Directors:

President - David Lee

Vice President- Steve Surowitz

Treasurer – Ron Daggett

Secretary – Michael Cronan

All nominated members were present.

Clothing - Art Rofrano

The Clothing order is closed. Abe C. has the checks. Barbara Bennett – the order can be in Thanksgiving weekend. Art to figure out distribution of clothing. Per Bob Spony, the recognition gifts were also in the order. Bob also gave Art kudos for his work to assure a successful clothing order.

Holiday Party

Party will be held at the Lincroft Inn, 12/12 @ 7pm, same location as last year. Sue Scarola has told Bob Spony that she will send out a notice about the Holiday party. Admission will be paid at the party that evening. Cost will be the same as last year: \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members; Bob to double check. Donations for the food bank will be accepted and payable to the Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties (FBMOC).

Old Business

Unsigned Waivers.

Ed Marx ran a query on the 2015 membership database. Waiver non-compliance had decreased by 10%. He sent out reminders through Active.com. The waiver situation will improve for 2016. As a reminder Family members – each adult- in the house MUST sign his or her own waiver. If there is member under 18 then a parent can vouch for that minor.

Elections

Don Levy offered many thanks to Bill W., Fred Sweet and Abe C. for their efforts in putting together the 2016 slate.

There were two absentee ballots sent in. Since the candidates were running unopposed, the new Board was elected by acclamation.

Bob S. heartily thanked the election committee for their work as well as the outgoing Board for their work.

Cynthia Locastro also thanked Bob S. for his tenure as President and everyone added their applause.

New Business

Proposal was made to change the bylaws to abolish bike shop memberships. Joe H. read a note that Ed M. sent out to the Board via email in early November. Joe agreed with Ed's points. Last year's (2015) shop membership approach did not appear to work well. Joe spoke to a few bike shops and got their feedback.

Cyclists often use the bike shops to kick the tires, and then buy online.

Shops are vital to the fabric of cycling in our community.

Joe proposed getting rid of bike shop memberships- they are confusing for the club to manage, and the shops and their staff derive little or no benefit from it.

We should continue to maintain good relationships with all the bike shops by visiting, touching base and replenishing the cards we display at their point of sale area.

We discussed dividing the bike shops between members who will volunteer to be liaisons with the bike shop in their area, and pass out cards, open a dialog to see if they would be open to providing discounts as well as to provide an avenue for them to put their logo on our web page. There are no incremental costs to JSTS to provide this. Additionally it was suggested that they could post on our Facebook page once per week. Basically our goal

with the bike shops is to trade eyeballs. Charlie K asked if we need any formal agreement with the posting on the Facebook page, but since we are the administrators then it is probably not necessary.

Volunteers to liaise with bike shops:

Charlie K – Peddler

Alan Z – Cyclist 54 in Wall

Cynthia L – Brick Bikes & Planet Bikes

Steve S- Middletown Trek and Atlantic Highlands

Carlos W – Brielle Bike

Joe H – Beacon in Freehold & Bicycle Hub

Pete B- Brick Bikes

We passed out JSTS business cards to the various members to hand out at the shops as they make their rounds.

The proposal to change the bylaws to abolish bike shop memberships will be once again brought up at the Jan 2016 meeting; Ed M. to post on the web site since the notification of any bylaw changes must be done 30 days prior to the meeting.

The current bike shop coordinator is Dan Hinton. Joe H. to update Dan H. about the new bike shop procedures pending approval of the change.

At this point [7:35 pm] the meeting was tabled for dinner.

The meeting resumed at 8:05 pm and gaveled to order by President Bob S.

Frost Bite Rides

All Frostbite rides are posted on the ride calendar on the JSTS web site. Must be a minimum of 10 miles (road) to be considered an official ride. See the details and rules stated on Frostbite page of the club web site.

Folks asked about rides being scheduled for any day of the week besides the posted Saturday and Sunday official rides. The membership overwhelmingly want to keep the Frost Bite rides the way they are. Charlie K. brought up the fact that these rides are a commitment to ride on the 4 weekends designated as Frost Bite rides unless there are 5 weekends in December.

We do need a Frostbite ride coordinator. Will ask Steve Buchanan to see if he has any interest in being the Frostbite coordinator. Bob S. will reach out to Stephanie McAuliffe as well.

There is nothing yet on the calendar about the Souper Saturday, which is typically in February. Bob to follow up.

Cynthia L. is willing to lead a beginner Mountain Bike group if anyone is interested. Cynthia will set the date rides and times and work with Barb B to get it on the calendar

Remarks

Bob brought up a situation wherein a rider went out on a B/C+ ride earlier this year and had some ongoing medical issues. The result of the issues was minor, but the overarching issue of his safety and the safety of the group needed to be addressed with the rider. The cyclist's wife wrote a very nice note to the club detailing her thanks to everyone who assisted.

Continued-

Joe H. brought up a segment on today's radio program on 101.5 about the ongoing car/cyclist relationships. Most callers were car drivers who had an overwhelmingly negative impression about bicyclist due to activities they believe they observed on the roads.

With no other comments, remarks or business before the Board or membership, Charlie K. made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Bill W. and unanimously approved by the membership

President Bob Spony gaveled the meeting to a close at 8:19 pm.

Submitted by JSTS Secretary

Michael Cronan